

TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains and KVP Trains

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EVALUATION (except as noted) PLACE OBTAINED 25X1ADATE OF CONTENT 30 March to 15 April 1953DATE OBTAINED 23 April 1953REFERENCES 25X1APAGES 3 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)REMARKS Paragraph 1 and the 3rd through 6th Shipments of Paragraph 2were previously reported 25X1A25X1X
SOURCE

1. According to official records, eight tank shuttle-trains for Soviet troop shipments between Eberswalde and Templin were to be made available on 15 April 1953. ¹
2. Troop trains observed on 12 and 15 April included:

<u>Date in April</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	
12	20 boxcars and 4 flatcars with VP personnel, trucks and artillery pieces	Strasburg	direction of Pasewalk	2
	22 boxcars and 10 flatcars with military personnel and trucks	Neubrandenburg	direction of Pasewalk	
15	undetermined number of cars with JS-1 tanks	Eberswalde	undetermined	1
25X1C	22 RRYM-type flatcars with 15 tank trucks and 10 trucks	loaded at Eberswalde	undetermined	
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	5 boxcars and 25 flatcars with military personnel, 15 tanks, and trucks	direction of Bad Freienwalde	direction of Britz	1
	10 boxcars and 25 flatcars with military personnel and trucks	loaded at Bernau	undetermined	1

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3. Troop trains observed between 3 and 10 April included:

<u>Date in April</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
3	2 boxcars and 6 SS-type flatcars with trucks, and three T-34 tanks, [redacted]	Cottbus; [redacted]	Spremberg 25X1C
5	6 flatcars with 3 AA guns and 3 trucks	Justerbog	Weisswasser 25X1X
6	3 boxcars, 3 flatcars and 4 SS-type flatcars with 3 trucks and 4 T-34 tanks, [redacted]	Cottbus; [redacted]	Spremberg 25X1C
10	8 flatcars with 3 trucks and 4 tanks	Weisswasser	Cottbus; [redacted] 25X1C

4. The following VP trains were listed in railroad records between 30 March and 11 April:

<u>Date</u>	<u>VP Shipments</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Shipment-Record Number</u>
30 March	25 VP personnel	Grossenhain	Stralsund	[redacted] 25X1
1 April	25 VP personnel	Grossenhain	Stralsund	
3 April	175 VP personnel	Goerlitz	Rietschen	
4 April	30 VP personnel	Grossenhain	Stralsund	
8 April	4 special trains	Dresden railroad district	Berlin railroad district	
11 April	175 VP personnel	Rietschen	Goerlitz	-
	1 special train	Dresden railroad district	Berlin railroad district	

The VP trains [redacted] carried VP personnel to the Rietschen area for field exercises and vice versa. 4

1. [redacted] Comment. The tank shuttle trains probably hauled the 6th Gds Mecz Div to the Templin troop training grounds. Source of paragraph 2 previously confirmed movements from the three posts of this division. Troop trains from Bad Freienwalde on and after 14 April 1953 have been reported by another source.

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- 25X1A 2. Comment. The VP train from Strasburg to Pasewalk cannot definitely be interpreted. It is believed, however, that contingents of VP units of Armeegruppe Nord returned from their winter quarters to the billeting area of Armeegruppe Nord in the Pasewalk area.

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- 25X1A 4. Comment. The VP trains from Grossenhain to Stralsund cannot be interpreted. The VP special trains probably serve the traffic between Armeegruppe Sued in Dresden and the KVP Central Command in Berlin.

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